

Outline – April 18, 2021
John 1:12; 3:14-18; 5:24; 6:37; 10:27-29; 11:25-28
1 Corinthians 5:15; Matthew 12:31
Once A Child Of God Always A Child Of God

It's One Of The Most Prolific, Debated And Asked Questions

- I. **Will God let go of one of His children (and similar questions)**
 - A. What if a person believes and then falls away?
 - B. What about a believer who gets caught up in gross immorality?
 - C. Is my eternal life based on my performance or what Jesus has done?

- II. **Does our faith/belief matter?**
 - A. What you believe determines several things
 1. What you do
 2. How you see your choices
 3. The choices you make
 4. How you see yourself (your identity)
 5. How you see others
 6. How you see the world
 7. How you see God
 - B. Three types of people
 1. No faith in the things of God
 2. Drifting from the things of God
 3. Solid growing in their faith concerning the things of God

- III. **Becoming a child of God**
 - A. Recognizing it's not about your performance
 - B. Recognizing only Jesus can save us
 - C. Recognizing His offer, His promise, His sacrifice
 - D. Believing, trusting, embracing, thanking Him for what He has done and given you.
 - E. The hope, joy, love and assurance we have when we believe

- IV. **Then why do some fall away, (leave the faith)?**
 - A. Performance expectations
 1. By others on them
 2. From self on self
 3. From self on others
 - B. Start playing games with God
 - C. Pleasing self/others more than God
 - D. Project onto others
 - E. Doubt/burnout that is never treated

V. What's at stake (with this question of losing our salvation)?

- A. Assurance – 1 John 5:11-13
- B. The understanding of forgiveness
- C. God's unconditional love
- D. Am I saved by faith alone, by grace alone, by Jesus alone?
- E. Does God let me go?

VI. Salvation depends solely on what Jesus did for us. (The gift is yours when you believe)

- A. Whosoever believes has (present tense) eternal life – John 3
- B. Doesn't come into judgement – John 5
- C. Is not cast out – John 6
- D. Nothing can snatch them out of His or His Father's hands – John 10
- E. Shall never die – John 11
- F. The stages of salvation
 - 1. I am saved (from penalty)
 - 2. I am being saved (from power)
 - 3. I will be saved (from presence of sin)
 - 4. The Titanic rescue

VII. So what's the motivation for being faithful to God's will and word?

- A. The consequences of rebellion
 - 1. No reward with God
 - 2. No peace in life
 - 3. A miserable existence
 - 4. Guilt and shame
 - 5. Losing many things
 - 6. No answers to prayer
 - 7. Missing the will of God
 - 8. Story of Prodigal Son
 - 9. The problem in Corinthian church
- B. Benefits of living a life of faith, hope and love
 - 1. Fewer regrets
 - 2. Blessings from God
 - 3. Living out your purpose
 - 4. Fulfilling God's will
 - 5. Treasure in Heaven
 - 6. Peace, assurance, confidence
 - 7. Joy, peace
 - 8. Freedom (from guilt – shame)
 - 9. Hope
 - 10. Love

- VIII. Salvation is yours for eternity when you believe
- A. Father sent His Son
 - B. Son did the work
 - 1. Lived our life
 - 2. Died our death
 - 3. Defeated sin and death
 - 4. Paid the price
 - 5. It is finished
 - C. Holy Spirit seals us - Ephesians 1:13
 - D. His word instructs us
 - E. His people disciple/instruct us
 - F. Self can't take it, Satan can't take it, sin can't break it

Jesus Said
"I Lose None"